

SHRINERS of North America To Gather in ATLANTA



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POTENTATE YAARAB TEMPLE

SOUTHERN SUNSHINE AND SMILES

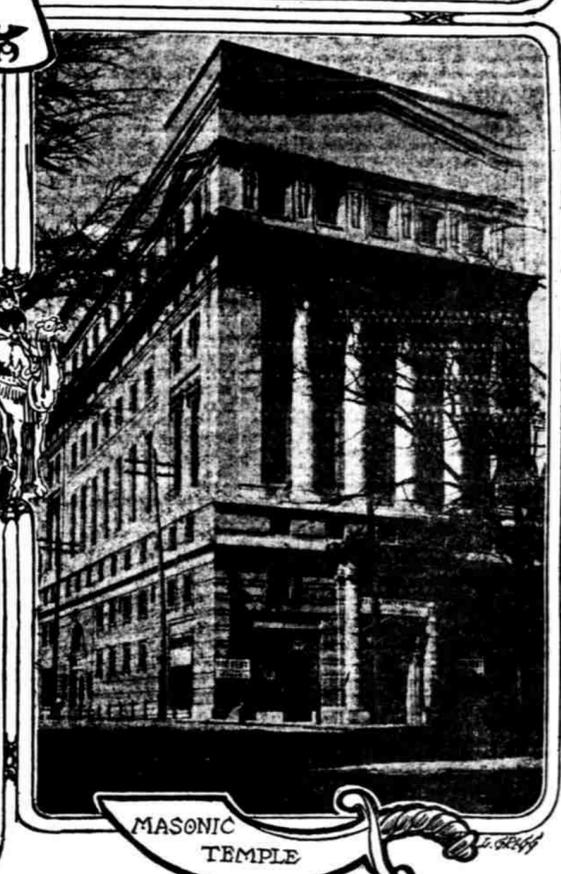
AUDITORIUM
WHERE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD



AUNTIE-BELLUM TYPE



STREET SCENE IN ATLANTA



MASONIC
TEMPLE

Atlanta, Ga., April 26.—(Special.)—**A** WAY down south in de land ob cotton" will soon be a tune familiar to all Shriners' ears—for they are Dixie-bound.

Atlanta, the Gate City of the South, will be the scene of the annual convention of the Shriners of North America, May 13-14.

Every state in the union and many sections of Canada will be represented. Over 30,000 Nobles are coming, and they will be entertained with old-fashioned southern hospitality, famous since ante-bellum days.

"Dar's buckwheat cakes an' Injun batter. To make you fat, an' a little fatter."

There will be southern sunshine and smiles of welcome from the southern girl—the Peachtree girl—with raven tresses and flashing eyes. Her brother's a Shiner, you bet, and she'll be wearing a white fez in May.

Then, there's that fragrant mint bed!

It is being kept under "intensive cultivation" for the Shrine.

In fact, everything that Atlanta can do, she is doing to make the gathering a magnificent success. And it's as a deer that Atlanta shines.

The city will be literally transformed for the convention. By permission of the mayor and city council the local Shriners' entertainment committee, headed by Potentate Forest Adair, of Yaarab Temple, will take full control for the time of the whole street lighting system of Atlanta.

Great white globes with the Shriners' emblems thereon will be substituted for the top globes of the White Way clusters throughout the whole heart of the city. Arches and other fancy schemes of illumination will be erected over the down-town street crossings.

Turn Night Into Day.
The great dome of the capitol will be silhouetted in light, and special electrical decorations on hotels and business houses will make the whole central section a blaze of lights.

All this illumination will burn nightly until dawn and the city will be awake every hour of the twenty-four while the Shrine is in session. There will also be flags and bunting in profusion.

Elaborate social functions and entertainments are in preparation, including a grand ball in the Auditorium-Armory on both evenings of the convention, at which two orchestras will be provided so that there will be no cessation of dancing. This auditorium, the largest in the south, with a seating capacity of nearly 8,000 people, has been reserved by the Shriners for the entire week. In this auditorium the annual southern seasons of Metropolitan grand opera are held and here Caruso has sung to the largest audiences in his career.

To Open All Clubs.
In addition to the special social functions, Atlanta's five golf courses, Country club, lakes with bathing and boating, parks, theaters and other joy facilities, will all be devoted to the entertainment of the Shrine.

Recognizing the utter impossibility of issuing many thousands of courtesy cards, every social club in Atlanta has decided to recognize the Shriners' visiting card and will open their doors to all Shriners.

Certain sections of the country are noted for particular forms of hospitality; some for clam bakes; others for fish fries, and the like; but one's epicurean education is not complete until he has enjoyed the form of hospitality

for which Georgia is particularly famed—the old-fashioned barbecue.

The barbecues are usually held in a pine grove near some sparkling spring. Figs and sheep are roasted whole in pits dug especially for the purpose. The tables spread beneath the trees for the Shrine barbecues will accommodate from 2,000 to 5,000 persons.

Preparations have already been completed for adequately housing the immense gathering. Atlanta's hotel facilities are splendid, and, in addition, the committee is erecting a large and comfortable building at Ponce de Leon park, where between 5,000 and 7,000 members of the patrols and bands will be cared for.

The Southern railway has set aside a part of its central yards where 450 Pullman cars may be parked. The Seaboard and other railroads have jointly arranged additional parking space, and it is estimated that there will be between 500 and 700 Pullmans parked during the meeting.

Whole Hotels Reserved.
Usually only one hotel is reserved for the representatives of the Imperial Council meetings, but the Piedmont and Ansley hotels have both been set aside in their entirety for the Atlanta convention, so that representatives will not only be amply provided for, but will be enabled, if they desire, to bring members of their families with them.

California, which desires to capture the 1915 meeting, has engaged four entire floors of the Kimball House, and has obtained the consent of the owners to change the name for that week to "Hotel California." They will come in four special trains with a brass band of 150 pieces and with 150 members of their uniform patrol. Their electricians will be here three weeks in advance to decorate the building, inside and out. The Californians will keep open house, using the spacious ballroom as a reception hall, and will display California fruits and wines.

The events of the convention will be gorgeous and spectacular. They will rival New Orleans' Mardi Gras.

A Gorgeous Pageant.
There will be two immense parades, one Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, forming a vast official escort for the imperial council and members of the imperial council from the hotel to the place of meeting.

The second parade is to be at 1 o'clock Wednesday evening. In this parade not only members of the patrols and bands, but all the Shriners as well will take part, wearing full evening dress with red fezes. Noble Burton Smith, of Atlanta, member of Yaarab Temple, has been designated by Potentate Adair as commander-in-chief of the parades. The Tuesday parade will be three or four miles long. The Wednesday night parade will be seven or eight miles long.

There will be between sixty and seventy-five bands playing at one time in these pageants.

Seventy-odd bands playing at one time! Can't you hear 'em? More bands than have ever played for the inauguration of a president of the United States!

More bands than were ever attuned for the coronation of the greatest king or emperor in Europe!

Among these bands will be the famous "millionaire band" from the middle northwest, noted because every member of it is a coupon clipping plutocrat.

Half a dozen kiltie bands are coming with skirts, bare knees and bagpipes.

Indian Band Coming.
Then there will even be an Indian band with tom-toms, to do the snake dance at Five Points and the sun dance along Whitehall. This band of real Indians will be brought by the Algeria temple, of Helena, Mont., as mascots for the temple on its pilgrimage to Atlanta. The band is composed of Blackfeet Indians from Glacier National park. Among them will be hunters, medicine men, singers, dancers, squaws and papooses. They will come with all their gorgeous feathers, blankets and Indian ornaments and during the week their camp will be pitched on a Peachtree street lawn. In this party will be the beautiful Indian girl, Dawn Mist, who is considered the most graceful and accomplished member of her race in the northwest.

These Shrine parades will outshine and outglitter anything this side of the Orient. There will be real camels. There will be men dressed in real Oriental robes with real Oriental jewels and carrying gleaming scimitars. There will be costumes as gorgeous as those described in the fairy pageants of the "Arabian Nights."

There will be a cowboy band. Just imagine the English Durbar, the inauguration parade at Washington and Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, all marching at the same time in the same street, and you will have some faint idea of what Atlanta will look like when these big pageants begin to move.

The Arab Patrol.
The Arab patrols in Oriental uniform are always wonderfully attractive features of every national convention. The competitive patrol drills this year will be judged by United States army officers, selected from Fort McPherson and the department of the Gulf, which has headquarters here.

"The Convention City."
And now a word about the city that is going to entertain this tremendous gathering.

Beautiful, bustling, sunny Atlanta has been a charming hostess on many occasions, and already many great conventions have been held here by national organizations which have learned the delights of the Great city in the south. Atlanta is pre-eminent in the south. Atlanta is pre-eminent in the south. Atlanta is pre-eminent in the south.

To begin with, Atlanta has the great Auditorium-Armory, with its capacity of over 8,000 persons. There is no better convention hall in the United States, and the acoustics are perfect. And Atlanta takes second rank to none in the excellence of her hotels. Most of the big hotels have been completed within the past few years and others have been remodeled so that they equal in convenience and service the hostleries of New York. As to ability to house the great throngs of visitors, Atlanta is outranked only by New York, Chicago and possibly Los Angeles.

In the opportunities for pleasure and sight-seeing offered the visitor, Atlanta is exceptionally blessed. Its magnificent country clubs and beautiful lakes set among the rolling hills and southern pines; its historic battlefields, the big United States army post, and beautiful parks; its Druid Hills millionaire residence colony; its beautiful Peachtree street, one of the most famous streets in the world, and its hundreds of miles of magnificent automobile roads, are a source of permanent pleasure and happiness to its citizens, and of keen joy to all visitors.

Atlanta's Modernity.
While Atlanta is materially and commercially a strictly modern city, with skyscrapers that can be compared to New York and with a tremendous and ever-increasing volume of business, the stranger within the gates never loses sight of the fact that Atlanta is still a truly southern city as well as a cosmopolitan one, and that while the spirit of the twentieth century moves in her great commercial and industrial progress, the spirit of the old south still reigns in her hospitality and social life.

Atlanta's climate, balmy and temperate at all times, is ideal in May.

The city is 1,050 feet above the sea level, at the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains. Atlanta itself is on a high ridge, so that part of its "waters drain to the Atlantic ocean and others drain to the Gulf of Mexico. There is always a breeze and a bracing atmosphere.

General Sherman, who kept 100,000 men around Atlanta for six months in the summer and fall of 1864, declared that there was no place on the continent where he could have kept so large a body of men in better health.

Some of the oldest Shriners who are coming to Atlanta in May fought under the stars and stripes on the stars and bars and have memories of the old Atlanta and the old south. The old south was feudal, chivalric. The new south is modern. The old south was purely agricultural. The new south bristles with factory chimneys. It is dotted with cities whose sky lines are jagged with the silhouettes of tall buildings. Its civilization is no longer feudal, but is now complex.

"The Atlanta Spirit."
Of this new south Atlanta is the recognized metropolis, and the far-famed "Atlanta spirit" has become a synonym for that broad spirit which has wakened not only Atlanta, but the whole section to its tremendous opportunities for development.

Atlanta's growth since the war has been typical of the south's renaissance. When General Sherman reached Atlanta the population was only 10,000. Today it is between 13,000 and 200,000. The area of the city is 26 square miles. In postal receipts and bank clearings it leads the south.

It has 200 miles of modernly equipped electric railway. Thirteen

railroads radiate from Atlanta and there are 134 passenger trains in and out of the city daily. In 1910 Atlanta had 482 manufacturing and industrial plants with a capital of \$30,874,000, paying salaries and wages to the amount of \$2,700,000. In 1913 the number of manufacturing and industrial plants exceeded 500, with a corresponding increase in capital, salary and wages.

To Dixie's Land.
It is from this city, with its combined ideals of the old and the new south that the call has gone out to the Shriners of the nation.

"The gardens are blooming; the palms are laden with fruit and are waving heavily in the breeze. Toward this oasis the guides of the desert will offer shortly to lead thy caravans. Get thee ready. Apoint thyself, worthy one, with scented oils and trim thy beard; and each evening seek thy couch early, nor rise from it until the sun in the east doth beckon thee to prayer, that thy body may be full of vigor when thou dost foregather with thy brethren from the ends of the earth; for there will be much feasting and dancing; yea, verily, it is said unto thee there will be high times.

And so the Nobles of the Shrine, from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf, from the Statue of Liberty to the Golden Gate, are hurrying to themselves in joyful anticipation.

"To Dixie's land I'm bound to trouble! Away, away, away down south in Dixie."